









FROM THE BALTIMORE SENTINEL.

MEMORIALS OF THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE.

FRIDAY, Dec. 3, 1869.

Resolution (of Mr. Love) authorizing several Sheriffs of this State to suspend collection of all taxes, inasmuch as the action of the Senate suspends the collection of taxes on certain patent and utility corporations until certain law suits are instituted shall have been decided.

On motion of Mr. Brodgen it was laid on the table.

Resolution (of Mr. Love) authorizing the State to incorporate the Valley Railroad Company (this bill proposes to construct a railroad from some point on the Baltimore and Annapolis Railroad to some point on the Mount Road), passed its second reading.

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By A. H. Galloway, colored, the following resolution, to wit:

Whereas, At the last annual meeting of the North Carolina Railroad Company, held at Salisbury, the Legislature of North Carolina was abused and slandered by Wm. A. Smith, President of the North Carolina Railroad Company; therefore,

Resolved, by the General Assembly of North Carolina, That the Governor is hereby requested to suspend said Smith from his position as Director on said Railroad.

Lies over.

By Mr. Love: A resolution proposing to raise a joint Committee of five to audit the bills for printing, and instructing the State Auditor not to allow any claim until it has been before said Committee. Lies over.

TRANSMITTED FROM THE HOUSE.

Resolution concerning the destruction of property in this State by the Federal Army during the late war. Lies over.

On motion of Mr. Love the rules were suspended and the resolution providing that the General Assembly shall take a recess from the 23rd of December to the 31st of January, was taken up.

Mr. Love moved to amend by striking out the dates and insert the following: December 13th to January 11th.

Mr. Robbins moved to amend by striking out the 31st of January and insert 27th December. The subject was debated at some length. Mr. R.'s amendment was adopted, and the resolution as amended was voted down, ayes 16, nays 17.

On motion the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FRIDAY, Dec. 3, 1869.

Resolution (of Mr. Brodgen) to declare the sale of the State bonds, issued under acts of the Legislature at the regular session of 1868, and reported to the Committee of the Whole of this House at the earliest date practicable. Rules suspended and resolution adopted.

Mr. Seymour, for Committee on Judiciary, reported favorably with amendments, upon the bill enforcing the attendance of witnesses upon investigating committees, and giving to such committees certain powers. The bill was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. French presented a petition from the citizens of New Hanover county. Referred.

RESOLUTIONS AND BILLS.

By Mr. Ingram: A resolution instructing our Representatives in Congress to use their influence to have the Bankrupt Law amended in certain particulars. Referred.

By Mr. French: A bill to amend the act incorporating the Cape Fear Agricultural Society. Referred.

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By Mr. French: A bill to amend the act incorporating the Cape Fear Agricultural Society. Referred.

On motion, Mr. Moore, of Chowan, was excused from serving on the committee aforesaid.

The House then adjourned.

SENATE.

MONDAY, Dec. 6, 1869.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Blythe: A bill to facilitate the payment of county taxes, and to save expense to the counties. Referred.

By Mr. Love: A bill to charter the Whitehead Mountain Turnpike Company. Referred.

By the same: A bill to repeal section 8, chapter 41, of an ordinance of 1868. Referred.

By the same: A resolution requesting the Code Commissioners to report each for himself, what time he has served the State, in accordance with the working of section 8, chapter 41, of an ordinance of 1868. Adopted.

By the same: A resolution requesting the Treasurer to report to the General Assembly what amounts, and for what months he has paid the Code Commissioners. Adopted.

By the same: A resolution requesting the Treasurer to inform the General Assembly what disposition has been made of the \$100,000 in bonds issued to Prayne and Heck for the 8,000 acres purchase for the penitentiary, and the \$200,000 Chatham Railroad bonds declared unconstitutional, and whether they have been presented or paid, and whether they can be distinguished from the coupons of other bonds, and if so, how. Adopted.

By Mr. Lindsay: A resolution requesting the Treasurer to report to the General Assembly what amount he has put out for clerical services, for what purpose said services were rendered, and the amount of time consumed by said clerks in performing these duties. Adopted.

By Mr. Cook: A resolution instructing the Committee on Finance to report the amount of expenditures made during the last fiscal year for each branch of each department of the State, and to report to be arranged in tabular form, and stating the name of each officer making the expenditure. The chief officer of each department shall furnish the committee at once with an estimate of the amount of money necessary to run their respective departments for the next fiscal year, and from said report the committee shall report to the Senate the amount of money necessary to be raised, by taxation, to meet the expenses of the State government the incoming year. Lies over.

CALENDAR.

Resolution (of Mr. Brodgen) to declare a claim of R. S. Tucker against the State, indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Winstead opposed the resolution; he thought it strange manner of disposing of the subject. The report of the committee had been made, and it was entitled to a fair consideration from the Senate. It looked like there was too much eagerness on the part of some one to get rid of it. He hoped the resolution would not be adopted.

Mr. Martinale moved to lay the whole matter on the table, his motion prevailed. Yeas 21, nays 14.

On motion the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

MONDAY, Dec. 6, 1869.

Messrs. Seymour and Malone were appointed upon the committee to proceed to New York to investigate the sale of North Carolina bonds.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. French—A joint resolution that the General Assembly adjourn on Monday, Dec. 13, 1869, to meet on Monday, Jan. 3, 1870, and that members be allowed one-half the regular rate of mileage going and returning. Laid over.

By Mr. French: A bill creating a Board of Railroad Commissioners for the State. Ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Bowman the rules were suspended and Mr. Blair's resolution that the General Assembly take a recess from December 20th, 1869, to January 10, 1870, and that no member or officer shall receive either per diem or mileage during the time was taken up.

Mr. French moved to amend by giving mileage.

Mr. Bowman favored the original resolution and opposed the amendment. He did not think that they should receive mileage; it was too expensive to the people.

The amendment was then rejected.

The question then recurred upon the original resolution and a lengthy discussion ensued, which closed, Mr. Welch moving to lay the whole matter on the table.

The yeas and nays being called, resulted in the motion being rejected by a vote of yeas 42, nays 51.

Mr. Smith, of Martin, moved to amend by allowing the members half mileage going and returning.

Mr. Stevens moved to indefinitely postpone the whole matter. Lost.

Jno. Williamson, colored, offered a substitute for the whole matter, that the Legislature take no recess, but remain and attend to their business.

The amendment offered by Mr. Smith of Martin was put to a vote and rejected.

Mr. Welch offered an amendment to the original resolution by striking out the "20th" and insert the "24th of December, 1869," and strike out "January 10th" and insert the "3d of January, 1870."

The yeas and nays being called upon the amendment, it was rejected by a vote of yeas 34, nays 49.

Mr. Downing moved to amend by striking out the "20th of Dec." and insert "13th of Dec., 1869."

Mr. Blair called the previous question. The call was sustained, and the question recurred upon Mr. Downing's amendment which was put to a vote and rejected.

Mr. Welch's amendment allowing members who should remain in Raleigh \$2 per day was put to a vote and lost.

The question recurred upon Williamson's substitute, declaring that the Legislature should take no recess but remain in session.

The vote being taken, the substitute was rejected by a vote of yeas 35, nays 56.

The original resolution was adopted by a vote of yeas 58, nays 33.

Mr. French moved to reconsider the vote of Saturday, adopting a resolution raising a committee of three, to proceed to New York for the purpose to investigate the sale and manipulations of North Carolina bonds.

Mr. Seymour favored the motion. He did not think the committee could accomplish anything, and it would be an useless expense to the State. The Republican party were ten-fold more desirous of an investigation for they (the Republicans) were responsible for these appropriations and the credit of the party was involved in this proposed expedient.

Mr. Ingram said that everything that looked like delay would be looked upon with distrust by the people. He was fast being forced to believe that something was "rotten in Denmark." He charged fraud upon no one, but things looked very much like that it did exist in some quarter.

He thought that if they stood up to this investigation without flinching, somebody would be caught taking what did not belong to them. To use a military term, in the face of the enemy. The Standard urged some days ago that the House should go in Committee of the whole with the investigation, now this morning it was for reading out members of the Republican party for standing up to what it recommended ten days ago.

Mr. J. French moved to state some misapprehension that did his knowledge exist in the bonds issued to the Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherford Railroad.

Mr. Jarvis said up to this time he had said nothing concerning the alleged fraud in the sale of the bonds and the management of the road. It



